

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Yoko TATSUMI *et al.*
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For: **A SUBSTANCE HAVING AN APOPTOSIS-INDUCING ABILITY**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination and calculation of the filing fee. If any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 18-1164 and consider this a petition therefor.

In the Claims:

In claim 8, line 1, delete "6 or".

In claim 10, lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 1 to 9" to "--claim 1 in--".

Please add new claims 16-25:

--16. A method for the manufacture according to claim 10 in which pentose is ribose or xylose.

17. A method for the manufacture according to claim 10 in which pentose derivatives are deoxypentose.

18. A method for the manufacture according to claim 10 in which pentose derivatives are deoxyribose.

20. A method for the manufacture according to claim 10 in which compounds containing pentose contain pentose comprising a group capable of having a negative charge bonded at 5-position.

21. A method for the manufacture according to claim 10 in which pentose derivatives include pentose derivatives comprising a group capable of having a negative charge bonded at 5-position.

22. A method for the manufacture according to claim 10 in which compounds containing pentose contain pentose comprising a phosphoric acid group or sulfuric acid group selected from a group capable of having a negative charge bonded at 5-position.

23. A method for the manufacture according to claim 10 in which compounds containing pentose derivatives contain pentose derivatives comprising a phosphoric acid group or sulfuric acid group selected from a group capable of having a negative charge bonded at 5-position.

24. A method for the manufacture according to claim 10 in which compounds containing pentose derivatives are deoxyribonucleoside, deoxyribonucleotide, and deoxyribonucleic acid.

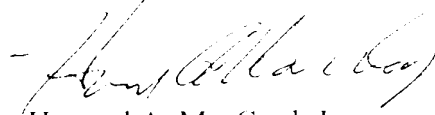
25. A method for the manufacture according to claim 6 in which the group capable of having a negative charge is a phosphoric acid group or a sulfuric acid group.--

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove excess multiple dependencies to conform to U.S. claim counting practice. This amendment should not be construed as any form of estoppel, disclaimer, forfeiture, or relinquishment of subject matter.

Examination is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,



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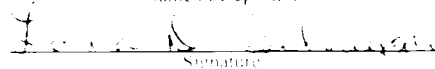
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